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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANT(S)** : Juan Carlos Parodi, et al.  
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APPLICATOR  
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**RESPONSE "A"**

Sir/Madam:

In response to an Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006. Claims 22, 23, 25-27 and 29-43 are currently pending. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

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